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## Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Maple Street Park project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Louisville Parks Foundation located at 1711 Gresham Road Louisville, Kentucky 40205. The funding would be used for a new public park and help improve health outcomes in a historically underserved community.

The Louisville Parks Foundation has partnered with residents and public, private, and non-profit entities to transform seven city blocks of mostly vacant lots in the California Neighborhood of West Louisville into a more than twenty acre public park. The land was acquired by the Metropolitan Sewer District through a FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant and is permanently conserved as greenspace—but is unusable to the public in its current state. With just 1 percent of California land dedicated to parks and open space, this project fills a critical gap in walkable access to outdoor recreation and fosters environmental equity for the citizens of this historically disinvested community. This project is supported broadly by local stakeholders, including residents, businesses, other nonprofits, and elected officials.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress Date: April 23, 2021